

**Executive Director Report**  
**September 28, 2006**

Budget

- The Budget Change Proposal for a one-time appropriation of \$84,000 (FY 07-08) for strategic plan implementation has received support from the Secretary for Resources and has been forwarded to the Department of Finance for review.
- Facilitated award of \$15,000 from Yolo County for the Discover the Delta Visitor Center and commitment of in-kind contribution of Welcome to the Delta signs.
- The CALFED Working Landscapes Grant application submitted by the Commission, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, and Hart Restoration, has been preliminarily designated as award, if revised, in the amount of \$800,000 (requested \$1.2m).
- Attended Americorps grant workshop in anticipation of applying for a grant for staffing support when grant requirements are released in October 2006.
- Participated in grant workshops sponsored by Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher and the Non-profit Resource Center.

Legislation (*Attached*)

- Provided State Assembly Member Bill Emmerson with overview of Commission's adopted Strategic Plan.
- Testified at Assembly Appropriations Committee hearing on SB 1556 (Delta Trail) as to consistency with the Delta Protection Act, and the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta.
- Met with Alf Brandt, consultant to the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee regarding the Commission's Strategic Plan, and associated projects and activities.

Projects/Facilitation

- Participating in Delta Vision planning process as a member of the Core Planning Team.
- Facilitated discussions with The Nature Conservancy and Department of Water Resources to address issues relative to continuing the environmental documentation phase of the North Delta Improvement Program.

- Facilitated discussions between the Corps, State Lands Commission and Sacramento County to address hazardous piling issue in Mayberry Slough utilizing funding from Boating and Waterways.
- Facilitated meeting of five county sheriff and resource staff, and representatives from Boating and Waterways, Department of Water Resources, and State Lands Commission relative to abandoned vessel removal project and funding opportunities.
- Assisted Undersecretary for Resources Karen Scarborough in the facilitation of discussion with representatives of Delta county conservation programs relative to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan development process.
- Provided input relative to the management structure and process for development of a Dredging Long-Term Management Strategy for the Delta.
- As part of Delta Risk Management Strategy Steering Committee, provided input relative to land use trends in the Delta.
- Facilitated Delta Mercury TMDL Collaborative discussions and oversight of consultant team, and provided forum for State Water Quality Control Board workshop. Testified and Board workshop on behalf of the Collaborative.
- Attended meeting of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to hear consideration and action relative to the Clarksburg Old Sugar Mill Project.
- Met with Department of Conservation to discuss potential partnerships and opportunities for Delta conservation easements.
- Met with San Joaquin County Planning staff relative to development of a Delta project checklist and integration of Commission Management Plan into County General Plan.
- Attended FEMA floodplain mapping and map modernization workshop.

#### Public Affairs/Outreach

- Met with Secretary for Resources, Mike Chrisman, and budget staff, to discuss the Commission's Strategic Plan.
- Met with Director of State Recreation and Parks Department, Ruth Coleman, and staff to explore project partnership opportunities.
- Met with Director of Water Resources, Lester Snow, to discuss partnership opportunities.

- Met with San Joaquin County Supervisor Victor Mow relative to the Commission's Strategic Plan.
- Met with Solano County Supervisor Barbara Kondylis to discuss the Commission's Strategic Plan.
- Met with Yolo County Supervisor Mariko Yamada to discuss the Commission's Strategic Plan.
- Provided a tour of the Delta for the Yolo County CAO, particularly the portions relative to Yolo County.
- Provided an update on Delta activities, including Mercury TMDL, Delta Visioning, and Delta Trail to the Yolo Basin Foundation, Stakeholders Working Group.
- Made a presentation to the California Boating Network, Northern Chapter about activities the Commission has underway, including the Mercury Collaborative, abandoned vessel removal program.
- Disseminated information from the Farm Bill listening sessions to interested Delta stakeholders.
- Participated as a panelist on the Stanford-in-Government tour of the Delta.
- Provided input for Department of Water Resources' water exhibit building at state fair, and attended opening reception.
- Made a presentation at the Hog Island Project annual dinner.